

REMARKS

In the Office Action of June 12, 2003, Claims 1, 5, 7, 10, 12, 13 and 15 were allowed. Claim 14 was rejected. In response, Claim 14 is amended. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Correction of error in Claim 14

Claim 14 is amended to correct an error in that the claim should recite C6 - C₁₂ fatty acids (not C6 - C16).

Rejection of Claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph

Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph as allegedly containing subject matter not described in the specification as to convey that the applicant had possession of the claimed invention. In particular, the Examiner alleges that Applicants fail to teach the full scope of a partial ester of polyols with C6 - C₁₂ fatty acids and that the inclusion of this in the claims is new matter.

This rejection is respectfully traversed as it may be applied to Claim 14 as amended herein. It is respectfully submitted that an ester component having a chain length in the range of C6 - C₁₂ is fully disclosed on page 4, line 6 of the specification. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, is respectfully requested.

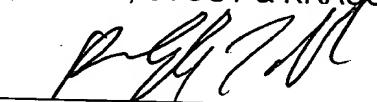
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1, 5, 7, 10, 12 - 15 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Kindly charge any additional fees due, or credit overpayment of fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (612.38836X00).

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